

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We hereby declare that:

Our respective residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our respective individual names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SURGICAL REPAIR OF ANEURYSMS

the specification of which is provided herewith.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign/provisional priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign/provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign/provisional application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign/Provisional Application(s) | | | <u>Priority Claimed</u> |
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| <u>Unassigned</u> | <u>United States</u> | <u>30/06/97</u> | <u>Yes</u> |
| (Number) | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Yes/No |
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| (Number) | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Yes/No |

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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